

TOWN OF BRISTOL.

1862

REPORTS
OF
THE SELECTMEN
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRISTOL.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1862.

CONCORD:
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1862.

R E P O R T .

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year ending March, 1862, as follows :

By list of taxes, assessed April, 1861,	\$3,493.94
Nonresident highway tax,	9.02
Cash in the Treasury, April 1, 1861,	233.23
Cash received on highway tax,	42.56
Cash received on literary fund,	110.80
Cash received on D. B. Bartlett's note,	106.28
Cash received on S. K. Mason's note,	412.62
Cash received on Railroad tax,	140.92
Cash received on use of Town House,	3.00
	<hr/> \$4,553.37

Disbursements of the Selectmen.

Paid State Tax,	\$187.60
County Tax,	400.52
	<hr/> \$588.12

Abatement of Taxes.

Webster Heath,	1860,	\$2.50
J. B. Kelly,	"	2.50
Ebenezer Darling,	"	2.50
John Muzzey,	"	2.50
D. L. Bennett,	"	1.54
H. A. Randolph,	1861,	3.10
Calvin Swett,	"	6.22
Sanborn & Rollins,	"	5.16
Charles Chase,	"	2.49

Peter Merchant,	1861,	2.49
Isaac May,	"	2.49
Lyman Sanborn,	"	2.49
J. H. Dow,	"	2.49
Charles Sanborn,	"	2.49
D. L. Bennett,	"	2.49
E. Sanborn, 2d,	"	2.49
J. M. Sleeper,	"	1.12
W. White,	"	12.40
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		\$59.46

School Money.

District No. 1.	J. W. Sanborn,	28.24
" " 2.	J. S. Chase,	189.17
" " 3.	O. S. Hall,	35.66
" " 4.	Samuel W. Heath,	29.80
" " 5.	John S. Gilman,	39.39
" " 6.	Milo Fellows,	45.03
" " 7.	Daniel Cass, Jr.,	13.18
" " 8.	S. S. Fellows,	47.68
" " 9.	Sanborn Gale,	48.14
" " 10.	John F. Cass,	159.42
" " 11.	Sherburn Wells,	60.52
	Wilson Foster,	4.21
	Caleb Whittemore, for three years,	8.74
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		\$709.18

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Printing town reports for 1861,	\$14.00
Paid for blanks and books,	20.49
J. Bellows, Esq.,	15.60
J. Minot, Esq.,	10.00
A. J. Crocket,	1.68
Mrs. M. J. Fellows,	14.75

L. W. Fling, Esq.,	8.00
C. Taylor & Co.,	3.51
Society interest money,	6.00
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	\$94.03

Support of the Poor.

Elliot Durgan and wife,	\$23.25
Leander Badger,	71.45
Mrs. Emons and children,	23.87
Lydia Glidden,	43.72
J. Hobert and family,	12.59
Reuben Emons, Jr.,	12.50
William Sanborn,	63.36
Jacob H. Dow's family,	68.98
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	\$319.72

New Road.

Ezekiel Follansbee, for land damage,	\$50.00
Calvin H. Mudgett, " "	112.00
Blake Fowler and others, for land damage,	80.20
C. H. Mudgett, " "	177.00
J. Martin Sleeper, " "	105.00
John Sleeper, " "	50.00
William Mudgett, " "	15.00
Daniel Bailey, for construction,	51.00
D. G. Height,	22.25
Cyrus Hobbs,	64.40
D. S. Follansbee,	38.32
H. S. Perkins,	77.38
Saunders Simonds,	73.80
Blake Fowler,	15.13
E. Follansbee,	3.00
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	\$934.48

Highways, Bridges, and Breaking Roads.

Paid John Roby, .	\$17.45
P. S. Drake,	29.17
S. S. Fellows, winter,	20.50
A. K. George, lumber,	35.60
D. S. Follansbee, lumber,	3.80
Blake Fowler, lumber and labor,	8.50
J. & S. H. Rollins, lumber,	141.79
John Hastings,	15.05
Levi Bartlett, lumber, &c.,	42.02
Moses Pattee, bridge,	270.00
J. A. Haines, bridge,	11.85
Stephen Nelson, winter,	11.87
Joshua Kidder, do.,	5.50
Frederick Kidder, do.,	9.90
Daniel Cass, Jr., do.,	25.85
Stephen Wells,	3.07
J. F. Cass,	2.57
Milo Fellows,	9.70
Alexander McMurphy,	3.00
Horace Emons,	5.73
D. M. Chase,	13.60
John Hastings,	27.60
S. N. Heath,	13.80
Joseph Kidder,	6.50
Samuel Hiland, winter,	4.40
G. M. Worcester, winter and lumber,	23.16
S. H. Rollins,	3.20
R. B. Rollins,	3.00
Samuel Page,	2.00
Samuel Dustin,	2.00
J. S. Chase,	94
Joseph Kidder, damage,	5.00
J. T. Sanborn, damage,	2.00
William Moore, winter,	24.00

Paid R. H. Sawyer, winter,	4.00
R. M. Mason,	24.50
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	\$832.62

Town Officers' Bills.

Paid John Mason, Town Clerk,	\$10.00
M. W. White,	5.00
Samuel Berry, tolling the bell,	4.75
J. M. Bishop, Treasurer,	10.00
J. Martin Sleeper, Collector,	40.00
H. S. Sleeper, Superintending School Committee,	30.00
Levi Bartlett, Selectman,	45.00
John Hastings, Selectman,	35.00
P. S. Drake, Selectman,	30.00
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	\$209.75

Whole amount received,	\$4,553.37
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Paid Out.

For State and County taxes,	\$588.12	
abatement of taxes,	59.46	
school money,	709.18	
miscellaneous expenses,	94.03	
support of the poor,	319.72	
new road,	934.48	
highways, bridges, and breaking roads,	832.62	
town officers' bills,	209.75	
	<hr/>	\$3,747.39
In the Treasurer's hands,	\$334.35	
In the Collector's hands,	477.72	
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		\$4,559.46

Of the demands due the town, not reckoned in the account, the demand against Reuben Lowell is considered good, amounting to	\$429.14
Town of Sunapee,	68.98
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	498.12

Estimated debts of the Town.

F. Bartlett,	\$148.92
M. C. Mudgett,	194.95
J. M. R. Emons,	311.54
William Green,	322.77
Dan P. Nelson,	161.38
Mrs. M. J. Fellows,	200.00
Miss Crawford,	556.20
Unsettled accounts,	30.00
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	\$1,925.76

Demands due the Town.

Reuben Lowell, note dated July 7, 1843,	\$429.14
Benjamin Cass, note dated 1853,	Poor.
D. S. & Cyrus Bennett,	20.88
From the town of Sunapee for J. Dow's family,	68.98
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	\$519.00
Demands against the town,	\$1,925.76
Award to Central bridge,	300.00
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	\$2,225.76
In Collector's and Treasurer's hands,	812.07
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Balance against the town,	\$1,413.69

LEVI BARTLETT,	} <i>Selectmen of Bristol.</i>
JOHN HASTINGS,	
PHILIP S. DRAKE,	

BRISTOL, March 3, 1862.

R E P O R T
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1. One term of eleven weeks, taught by Miss A. H. Sargent. Whole number of scholars, 23 ; average attendance, 17. The general appearance of the school was good, with a fair improvement. The duties of the teacher were performed in a prompt and energetic manner. Order very good.

DISTRICT No. 2. First term, 10 weeks, taught by Miss L. E. Hardy. Whole number of scholars, 48 ; average attendance, 35. Miss Hardy labored hard. Some scholars made good improvement. The 1142 cases of tardiness reflect not a little on the remissness of parents.

Second term, eight weeks, Miss A. C. Godwin, teacher. Miss G. was untiring in her efforts for the advancement of the school ; but she labored under the same difficulties as her predecessor. Those scholars who were constant in attendance made commendable improvement. Whole number, 43 ; average attendance, 33.

Third term, eleven and a half weeks, was under the charge of Mr. George E. Colburn. Number of scholars, 44 ; average attendance, 34. Mr. Colburn labored diligently to advance his school ; a portion of his scholars gave evidence of thorough drilling, and their progress was highly commendable to themselves and their teacher. Great improvement was manifest in order, and in the general appearance of the school.

DISTRICT No. 3. One term of ten weeks. This school was commenced by Miss Myra S. Randall. On my first visit, the school appeared well. She, however, kept but four weeks, and was succeeded by Miss Hattie E. Darling, under whose care the school made good progress. Classes in arithmetic and grammar showed thorough drilling. There was a fine class in book-keeping. Order good. Whole number of scholars, 21 ; average attendance, 19. Miss Darling is an excellent teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4. First term, eight weeks, taught by Miss Mary F. Fellows. Number of scholars, 15 ; average attendance, 13 5-6. Order and general appearance of the school very good.

Second term of seven weeks was under the supervision of the same teacher. Number of scholars, 10. Classes in arithmetic, grammar, geography and history showed that the teacher was not superficial in her instruction. An unhappy division in the district greatly hindered the progress of the school. It is desirable that this difficulty may soon be amicably settled, and that all will unite to promote the general good of the school.

DISTRICT No. 5. First term, seven weeks, taught by Miss Mary J. Gilman. Number of scholars, 10 ; average attendance, 7. This was Miss Gilman's first effort in teaching ; she succeeded admirably.

Second term, eight weeks, taught by the same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 11 ; average attendance, 9. The industry of both teacher and scholars was of a good order, making fair improvement.

DISTRICT, No. 6. First term, six weeks, taught by Miss Mehitable D. Wells. Number of scholars, 20. Miss Wells gave good satisfaction. Order and deportment of the school were very good.

Second term, ten weeks, taught by Miss Olive J. Cheney. Number of scholars, 18 ; average attendance, 17½. Teacher faithful and efficient. Classes in arithmetic evinced a thoroughness highly commendable ; even in every branch of study the

same fact was observable. Every scholar knew what he had learned, and how far he had advanced; consequently the improvement was of a high order.

DISTRICT No. 7. One term, eight weeks, taught by Miss S. A. C. Bean. Number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8. An interesting and faithful teacher. The scholars had a worthy object in view, and hence made rapid improvement. In the examination, every scholar knew what they were doing. Great attention was given to elementary principles, and with a degree of thoroughness seldom, if ever, surpassed. One class in algebra made good improvement. History and physiology was taught in a very interesting manner. Composition also received some attention. The labors of so competent a teacher should be secured in town.

DISTRICT No. 8. One term, nine weeks, taught by Mr. Levi D. Johnson. Number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20. This district was fortunate in securing so efficient a teacher. Mr. Johnson is well adapted to secure a systematic course of mental discipline, as every feature of his school indicated. To a sound and practical progress the teacher seemed to direct all his energies, and labored with an unflinching fidelity to accomplish it. There was a gentlemanly and a lady-like deportment manifested among the scholars, which showed a praiseworthy attention to their studies.

DISTRICT No. 9. One term, thirteen weeks, commenced by Miss Pray, who left at the expiration of three weeks. Miss M. F. Fellows succeeded her, and acquitted herself as a thorough teacher, giving perfect satisfaction. The arrangement of the classes was well adapted to the capacity of the scholars. All the classes passed a good examination at the closing visit, and I can truly say that the school was a profitable one. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 14.

DISTRICT No. 10. First term, ten weeks, Miss M. J. Chase, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 39; average attendance, 33.

All the scholars appeared well disposed and deeply interested. The teacher exhibited an aptness for teaching. Government creditable. Owing to a misunderstanding in the time of its closing, the school was not visited the second time.

Second term, seven weeks, Miss S. M. Roby, teacher. Her scholarship was sufficient, but her want of energy and decision in governing rendered her school of little value to the district. Number of scholars, 36. Third term, ten weeks, taught by Miss S. C. Moor. Number of scholars, 41 ; average attendance, 30. Miss Moor sustained her reputation as a superior instructor. The school, under her management, was orderly and studious, and her scholars made necessarily excellent improvement. At the last visit made by the committee, all her classes appeared well. This district was very fortunate in obtaining so faithful and so successful a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11. First term, eight weeks, Miss R. P. Chase, teacher. Whole number of scholars, 27 ; average attendance, 22. A profitable and successful school in every respect.

Second term, eight weeks, taught by the same. Whole number of scholars, 15 ; average attendance, 13. What was said of the first term is equally true of this. Rapid progress was made in all the branches taught in this school. Miss Chase loves teaching ; hence her excellent success in governing a school.

I have endeavored to give in the foregoing remarks a careful statement of the progress and condition of each school, as fully as space would allow.

The fall and winter terms of the schools have made good improvement.

H. S. SLEEPER, *S. S. Committee.*

SCHOOL TABLE.

Districts.	Terms of School.	Length of School, in weeks.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Wages of teacher per month, including board.	No. of visits of S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No. of visits by citizens and others.
Number 1.....	First.....	11	23	17	\$12.20	2	.....	24
Number 2.....	First.....	10	48	36	20.00	2	.....	5
	Second..	8	43	33	14.00	2	.....	5
	Third....	11½	44	34	27.00	2	1	33
Number 3.....	First.....	10	21	19	14.00	3	.....	.....
Number 4.....	First.....	8	15	15½	16.00	2	.....	6
	Second..	7	10	8	16.00	2	.....	.....
Number 5.....	First.....	7	10	7	10.00	1	.....	9
	Second..	8	11	9	10.00	2	.....	12
Number 6.....	First.....	6	20	20	10.00	1	.....	23
	Second..	10	18	17½	12.00	2	1	8
Number 7.....	First.....	8	9	8	9.00	2	1	22
Number 8.....	First.....	9	23	20	19.00	2	1	31
Number 9.....	First.....	13	16	14	13.32	2	.....	6
	First.....	10	39	33	18.00	1	.....	.....
Number 10.....	Second..	7	36	36	18.00	3	1	9
	Third....	10	41	30	22.00	4	1	13
	First.....	8	27	22	15.00	1	1	20
Number 11.....	Second..	8	15	13	14.00	2	.....	18

